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1. DURING VISIT JANUARY 17 BY AMB. BUFFUM, FAO DEPUTY
DG JACKSON INFORMED US FAO AFTER CONSULTATION WITH UN
USG DE SEYNES, WHO ALSO WAS PRESENT, WISHED TO MAKE SPECIFIC
PROPOSAL FOR AGENDA FOR WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. THIS PRO-
POSAL WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,
AND WOULD BE CONSIDERED AT FIRST SESSION OF WFC PREP COMM TO
BE HELD IN NEW YORK IN FEBRUARY 11-15. JACKSON ASKED FOR
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U.S. VIEWS ON PROPOSAL, BUT AT THE SAME TIME POINTED OUT FAO

CONSULTING WITH A NUMBER OF GOVTS ON AGENDA AND COUND NOT BE
BOUND BY U.S. VIEWS ALONE.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FAO PROPOSAL, WHICH, HOWEVER, WILL
ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY ANNOTATED AGENDA ON INDIVIDUAL
ITEMS. TEXT ANNOTATED AGENDA FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

ROME, NOVEMBER 1974

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. ASSESSMENT

1. PRESENT FOOD SITUATION AND DIMENSIONS AND CAUSES OF
HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION IN THE WORLD.
2. THE MAGNITUDE OF THE FOOD PROBLEM IN THE FUTURE AND
POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO A SOLUTION

B. NATIONAL AND INTERANTIONAL ACTION

3. MEASURES FOR INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION
IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
4. STRENGTHENING WORLD FOOD SECURITY THROUGH CO-ORDINATED
STOCK-HOLDING, EMERGENCY RELIEF AND FOOD AID.
5. INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL
ADJUSTMENT.

3. FOLLOWING TELECONS WITH DEPT., WE INFORMED JACKSON
MORNING JANUARY 18 PROPOSED AGENDA ACCEPTABLE TO U.S.,
ALTHOUGH WE MIGHT HAVE COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL POINTS RAISED
IN ANNOTATED AGENDA WHICH WE ASSUME WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED
AT FIRST SESSION WFC PREP COMM. JACKSON HAD TOLD US HE WAS CON-
CERNED THAT PROPOSALS FOR SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN AGENDA
WHICH DEVIATE FROM FAO TEXT MIGHT LEAD TO EXTENDED DEBATE
AT PREP COMM SESSION AND FAO THEREFORE HOPED U.S. COULD
AGREE TO TEXT AS WORKED OUT BETWEEN FAO AND UN (AND PRE-
SUMABLY UNCTAD SG PEREZ GUERRERO, WHO ALSO IS CURRENTLY
IN TOWN). DESEYNES SUPPORTED THIS POINT STRONGLY.

4. WE BELIEVE PRESENT AGENDA TEXT, EVEN INCLUDING REMARKS
MADE IN ANNOTATED VERSION, ADEQUATELY MEETS POINTS MADE IN
REFTEL.

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5. DURING COURSE OF FAO/UNCTAD AD HOC CONSULTATION ON
RICE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN ROME (REPORTED SEPTTEL),
EGYPTIAN DEL APPROACHED US DEL TO ASK WHETHER U.S. WISHED
TO HAVE PROMINENT REPRESENTATION ON SG'S STAFF. (AS
DEPT AWARE, SG EXPECTED BE EGYPTIAN MAREI.) RESPONSE WAS
THAT WE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBJECT, BUT THAT BASIC
U.S. APPROACH TO WFC WAS THAT WE LESS INTERESTED IN
QUESTIONS OF FORMAL REPRESENTATION OF U.S. AT HIGH LEVELS

IN SG'S STAFF THAN IN ULTIMATE SUCCESS OF WFC IN SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS. USG THEREFORE WOULD DEPEND ON SG TO MAKE HIS OWN DECISIONS ON STAFF AND WOULD NOT PRESS ANY SPECIAL CLAIM TO A HIGH POST. REQUEST DEPT. ADVISE IF THIS POSITION IS CORRECT; IF NOT, WE SHOULD ADVISE EGYPTIANS ASAP, SINCE HE COULD BE ACTING UNDER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM MAREI IN RAISING QUESTION. VOLPE

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